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SUBJECT: UNSC MEETING IN PALESTINIAN RIGHTS REPORT

REF A) USUN 3823, B) AMMAN 7628

1. I SAW MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HASSAN IBRAHIM
BRIEFLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 19 AND HE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

A) SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS HE HAS NOT CHANGED
HIS VIEW EXPRESSED IN NEW YORK THAT UNSC MEETING NOW
WOULD BE MISTAKE. HE WILL NOT INSTRUCT PERM REP ALLAF
BECAUSE HE SAID "ALLAF ALREADY KNOWS MY VIEW AND DOES
NOT NEED TO BE INSTRUCTED AGAIN."

B) JORDAN PERM REP NUSEIBEH REPORTS THAT COMMITTEE OF
SEVEN (EGYPT, SYRIA, PLO, IRAQ, TUNISIA AND LEBANON
WITH SAUDI CHAIRMAN) IS ACTING "INDEPENDENTLY" AND
BELIEVES THAT IT HAS BEEN HANDED SOLE RESPONSIBILITY
TO DECIDE FOR THE ARABS THE QUESTION OF THE MEETING.
NUSEIBEH REPORTED HIS CONVERSATION WITH LEONARD AND
THE ARAB PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING WHICH WOULD ONLY TAKE
NOTE OF THE REPORT AND "REFER IT TO THE UNGA."

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C) NUSEIBEH WANTS TO GET HIMSELF INCLUDED IN THE
COMMITTEE OF SEVEN AND TRY TO POSTPONE THE CONSIDERATION OF
THE QUESTION UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER 7 TUNIS MEETING OF
ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS. IBRAHIM'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT TO DO
THAT, BUT TO WORK THROUGH THE ARAB CAUCUS, SEEK SYRIAN ASSIST-
ANCE AND TRY TO POSTPONE THE MEETING. HE WARNED ME THAT
"JORDAN CANNOT STAND UP AGAINST ALL THE OTHER ARABS."

\$) INDIAN UNSC PRESIDENT HAD IDEA THAT ALL THE CONFRONTATION STATES FAVOR THE UNSC MEETING BECAUSE EGYPT AT THE INSISTENCE OF PLO WENT TO INDIANS TO SUGGEST MEETING. SAUDI CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WILL NOT DO ANYTHING BUT SEEK TO GO THE WAY HE IS PUSHED. BEHIND THE MOVE ARE ONLY IRAQ AND THE PLO ACCORDING TO NUSEIBEH. IBRAHIM CONFIRMS THAT THIS WAS HIS IMPRESSION WHILE HE WAS IN NEW YORK.

E) JORDAN WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT CAN, BUT ITS INFLUENCE IS LIMITED, PARTICULARLY IF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, OF WHICH IT IS NOT A MEMBER, SEEKS TO USURP THE ARAB POSITION AND CHARGE OFF ON ITS OWN. JORDAN KNOWS THE U.S. POSITION IS STRONGLY AGAINST ANY SORT OF A MEETING FROM BOTH TALKS WITH US HERE AND IN NEW YROK.

2. I THANKED IBRAHIM FOR HIS INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED WE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH. BELIEVE ALSO IT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR USUN TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH NUSEIBEH WHO CAN PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, EVEN THOUGHT HIS INFLUENCE ON THE FINAL DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE MARGINAL.

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